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Warriors Society and Veterans Events



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warriors Society was a major player in two different events surrounding Memorial Day. They and the Little River Casino worked on the Tight Lines for Troops Fishing Tournament and the Blue Star Memorial dedication. See pages 12 and 32 for photos and articles.

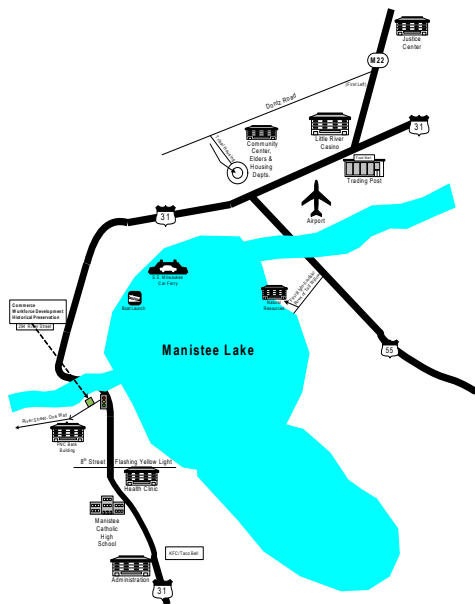


Committees and Commissions

This month the Currents takes an extensive look at three areas of the government as to the duties and responsibilities of the Commissions, Committees and Casino Board of Directors. See pages 4 through 7.

New Facility Map

A new Manistee area map has been produced showing the various government buildings and where services are located. See page 23.



Medicine Wheel planted!



The Tribal Medicine Wheel gardens were planted this month at the Clinic and the old community center on US 31. See photos and an article on page 29.



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Our annual Jiingtamok is taking place on July 3rd and 4th this year and spring has arrived. Starting on May 15th I had the opportunity to meet with Assistant to the Secretary of Interior, Larry Echohawk hosted by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians. Also in attendance was Tribal Council Speaker, Steve Parsons and wife Fay Annette, Councilor Robert Whiteloon, Councilor Lee Sprague, and Economic Development Director, Robert Memberto. I felt the meeting was beneficial to the Tribes of Michigan and several major topics were covered. On a side note, Grand Traverse Chairman, Derek Bailey was recently appointed to a national commission by President Obama. Congratulations Derek.

On May 18th and 19th, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hosted the Building Strong Sovereign Nations Seminar put on by the University of Michigan staff. The two day event was held at the Little River Casino Resort in the Three Fires Conference Center and well attended by several Michigan Tribes. Key topics included, History of Anishinaabek; Indian Child Welfare Act; Tribal Council Roles and Responsibilities; Labor Relations and Tribal Business; and Introduction to Tribal Justice Systems. Most Tribal Council Members and myself attended the two-day event.

On the afternoon of May 20th, Some Tribal Council members and I were challenged to Wii Bowling by Elders at our Community Center. I don't think there is a need to print the scores, however, the Elders disagree and the scores are published on the following pages. All I can say is thank goodness for a future rematch.

On May 25th and 26th, General Counsel Dan Green, Council Speaker, Steve Parsons, Economic Development Director, Robert Memberto and myself all traveled to Lansing to testify before the State House of Representatives, Regulatory Reform Committee, Chaired by Representative

Bert Johnson. The House Speaker, Andy Dillon, referred our issue to the Committee asking for more information. We testified in support of our efforts to build a casino in Muskegon County and get approval from the State House and Senate to keep moving forward with the project. Until next month...

Update on Muskegon Casino Project

The process to gain approval to build a casino in Muskegon is continuing to progress through the Michigan State House. Ogema Romanelli, Speaker Parsons, Commerce Director Memberto and Executive Counsel Green continue to meet with state officials as they seek approval of the project. Support continues to be strong throughout Muskegon County.

Building Strong Sovereign Nations

Michigan State University sponsored their latest Building Strong Sovereign Nations conference at Little River Casino Resort this May. The regular event is BSSN is co-administered by the Indigenous Law & Policy Center, MSU Extension, and the Native American Institute. The event brings together Tribal leaders (elected and employee) as well as other parties in helping Michigan Tribal Nations to expand their knowledge on the operation of governments.

LRBOI Ogema Romanelli as the host welcomed the 50+ attendees; Director Bill Memberto offered an opening prayer and our Drum 'Swirling Wind' offered a Welcome song and a Blessing Song. Here is the agenda for the two day meeting:



Wednesday, May 19, 2010

12:00PM Opening Prayer
Bill Memberto, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
12:00--1PM Lunch
1-2:30PM The History of Anishinaabek Tribes
John Petoskey, Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan
2:30-3PM Break
3-4:30PM Tribal Council Roles & Responsibilities
Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director, United Tribes of Michigan
5-6PM Reception—Hors D'Oeuvres

Thursday, May 20, 2010

8-8:30AM Breakfast
8:30-10AM Track A: Indian Child Welfare Act
Kathryn Fort, Indigenous Law & Policy Center
Emily Proctor, Michigan State University
Extension Track B: Indian Gaming in Michigan
William Brooks, Tribal Attorney at Nottawaseppi
Huron Band of the Potawatomi
10-10:30AM Break
10:30-12PM Track A: Introduction to Tribal Justice Systems
Holly Thompson, Associate Judge, Grand Traverse Bay Band Tribal Court
Track B: Labor Relations & Tribal Businesses Zeke Fletcher, Rosette & Associates





Recorder's Report to Membership- June 2010

Council Members Attend Training re: Bingo

Councilors Loretta Beccaria and Sandy Mezeske attended a training seminar in Biloxi, MS. The purpose was to learn about the multiple aspects of bingo operations, and the regulatory requirements to open such an operation. Tentatively, the Little River Casino and Resort is scheduled to add a high stakes bingo offering to its current gaming opportunities. The Bingo is slated to open in September of this year.

New Governmental Center – Ongoing Project

The Task force is still moving forward with finalizing the draft plans for the new Government Building. The Task Force had requested to meet with Tribal Council to discuss financing options, and potential grants that may be able to offset construction costs. The meeting concluded with a potential budget, and clarification of options available to the Tribe. The Task force continues to meet on Thursdays each week.

Bob Whiteloon attends Self-Governance Meeting

Councilor Whiteloon attended the Self-Governance meeting, which is a national meeting for all tribes across the United States. Little River Band is a "self-governance" tribe with respect to its Health Care contract, as the Tribe attained self governance status a couple years ago. The result has been an increase in health care funds available to Little River Band, approximately a \$600 thousand dollar increase expected in FY 2010. The Tribal Council, in conjunction with the Ogema, will be looking into self governance status for its BIA programs, including areas such as Education and Family Services. The difference in status for the Tribe with respect to its BIA funded programs may result in additional funds, as well as greater flexibility for programs in those areas.

Constitutional Amendments Proposal

The Tribal Council is working out final language on proposed changes to the Constitution. At this time, once the Tribal Council finalizes its draft, public meetings will be announced to review the changes with membership. The purpose of the meetings will be to obtain public feedback, as well as educate tribal citizens about the changes being moved forward. Areas under consideration include restructuring the 'districts' for voting, requirements for background investigations on candidates pursuing public office, and changing references from "membership" to citizenship. Other changes

are also being worked on that membership (citizenship) are not as fully informed about, such as rewording of citizenship eligibility or changes in the branches of government, will be reviewed with the citizens during the public meetings. This is a substantial initiative in response to concerns that have been voiced by the membership. Meeting announcements will happen either by Rapid River News or Currents publication.

New Councilor Contact Information

Lee Sprague is now settled into his office. The direct dial number is (231) 398-6833. His email is lsprague@lrboi.com.

Financial Reporting

During a recent meeting in June, the Recorder reminded the finance department that under the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and Constitution, routine financial reporting is a requirement of the Law, and reports must be made available to the Membership. The Tribal Council was assured that financial reports will be made available for publication in the next edition of the Currents. The Recorder hopes to have the reports in time for the next publication.

Resolution of Support to Protect Eagle Rock

Councilor Candace Chapman sponsored a resolution, which was adopted by Tribal Council, to support the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and support peaceful resistance to the mining operation proposed at Eagle Rock, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Councilor Sprague, along with other Tribal Citizens, presented the Resolution

during a demonstration on the steps of Michigan's Capital building, on June 3, 2010. Unfortunately, the legislature was not in session, but the demonstration did not go unnoticed by local and statewide press. This resolution is available online at the LRBIO website. Council also respects all citizens' right to be active in protecting the sacred places of the Anishinaabek, and the environment.

<http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/national/95615974.html>

Father's Day – June 20.

Fathers: The first "handsomest, bravest" man in the world in the eyes of their Children. The first real-life superhero, that vanquishes all threats (bugs, snakes, hornets) known to man! Some of our Fathers have served their Country as Warriors, protecting our freedoms. Some of our Fathers are not biological, but they are the Uncles or Friends who have stood in the breach for those of us that didn't have our own "father". They have shown us how to live, and set the example for us in many ways. Happy Father's Day to all men that have been brave enough to tackle the toughest role given to Men- to be "Dad."

Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder



Government Closes for the following Holidays

Treaty Recognition (Sunday 3/28) closed on 3/29
Memorial Day 5/31
Independence Day (Sunday 7/4) closed on 7/5
Labor Day 9/6
Reaffirmation Day 9/21
Veterans Day 11/11
Thanksgiving 11/25
Christmas Eve, close 12/23 at noon, all day 12/24
New Years, close 12/31

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.

Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure.

Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.

Perhaps you have noticed the regular announcements in the *Currents* looking for tribal citizens to serve on the Casino Board of Directors. Have you ever wondered just what this board actually does for the casino and tribe? Are you aware of its position within the structure of the government or even just how important this board is for the tribe or what work Board members have to do?

In an effort to help you understand the Board of Directors more thoroughly, your Ogema has authorized this article that goes over the basics.

If you look on our website: www.lrboi.com (or at a printed copy) of the Tribal Council Ordinances you will see a section like this:

Chapter 800 - Business; Finance

- **Title 01.** - Uniform Commercial Code
- **Title 02.** - Limited Liability Company Ordinance
- **Title 03.** - Resort Board of Directors Act of 2005
- **Title 04.** - Muschigon Construction Company Ordinance
- **Title 05.** - Department of Commerce Ordinance

Title 03 is the **Resort Board of Directors Act** that is currently in place. *(There has been quite a bit of discussion about changing the structure of the board, but at this time, this is the governing ordinance.)*

The very beginning of this ordinance sets the stage for what the Board of Directors is supposed to do. It is restated in 1.02.e

Article I. Purpose; Findings

1.01. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to establish a Resort Board of Directors to provide monitoring, oversight, and direction regarding the management of the gaming enterprise in order to maximize the income for the Little River Casino Resort and the Tribe.

1.02.e.

Findings: The establishment of a Board of Directors for the Little River Casino Resort to provide appropriate monitoring, oversight, and direction regarding the management of the Little River Casino Resort will serve the best interests of the Tribe by maximizing the Little River Casino Resort's income, reducing expenses where appropriate, and minimizing the potential for political interference of business decision-making, all in accordance with the goals and budgets established.

The actual creation of the Board of Directors is covered in:

Article IV. Board of Directors

4.01. Creation of the Board of Directors.

- a. The Tribal Council hereby creates and establishes the Board of Directors for the Little River Casino Resort.
- b. The Board of Directors shall be subject to the Constitution, laws, and resolutions of the Tribe, including the legislative authority of the Tribal Council to enact laws and resolutions and the executive authority of the Ogema to carry-out the laws and resolutions enacted by the Tribal Council.
- c. The Board of Directors shall take an oath of office given by the Ogema, and shall file a signed confidentiality statement.

There are five (5) members of the Board of Directors with the following qualifications and restrictions:

4.04. Qualifications of Members of the Board of Directors.

- a. All five (5) Members of the Board of Directors shall be enrolled Members of the Tribe.
- b. The Board of Directors shall include the following qualified individuals:
 1. One Member of the Board of Directors shall have at least five (5) years experience in business or financial matters;
 2. One Member of the Board of Directors shall have at least five (5) years experience in the management of a gaming or hospitality enterprise(s); and,
 3. One Member of the Board of Directors shall be a licensed attorney and have at least five (5) years experience as legal counsel to a business enterprise.
- c. If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors in one or more of the seats which require a minimum qualification as set by Sections 4.04 (a) and (b) above, the remaining Members of the Board of Directors may continue to conduct business.
- d. All Members of the Board of Directors shall possess and maintain a Gaming License issued by the Gaming Commission of the Tribe.
- e. The Tribal Council may elect to secure a bond and/or insurance covering activities of Members of the Board of Directors. All Members of the Board of Directors shall cooperate fully with Tribe to secure bonding and/or insurance covering his or her activities as a Member of the Board of Directors.
- f. The following individuals shall be prohibited from serving as a Member of the Board of Directors:
 1. any person employed by the Little River Casino Resort or the Tribe; and,
 2. any elected official of the Tribe.

To apply to be considered for a position on the Board of Directors, here is the process as of this time. First the Board has to notify the Ogema and Tribal Council of a vacancy. Then it is posted in the **Currents**:

4.10. *Vacancy - Notice; Exists.*

- a. The Board is required to notify the Ogema and Tribal Council, in writing, when a vacancy is created by conclusion of a term, removal by the Board, or resignation by a member. A vacancy exists upon receipt of the notice by the Ogema.
- b. A vacancy exists upon removal by the Ogema and where the Tribal Council does not overturn the removal determination by the Ogema under section 4.02(d).

4.11. *Posting Notice of Vacancy for Applicants.*

The Ogema shall post, for 30 days, in the Tribal newspaper, that a vacancy on the Board of Director exists, the qualifications for the vacant position, the term of office for the vacant position, and the open and closing date of the application period. All applications received shall be forwarded to the Tribal Council with the nomination presented under section 4.02(a).

Once chosen to sit on the Board of Directors there are some general and specific duties that you have to accomplish. The General Duties are outlined like this:

5.02. *General Duties.* The Board of Directors shall:

- a. create, develop, and implement an effective strategy of business organization for the Little River Casino Resort including setting objectives for future growth and expansion in accordance with the Annual Operating Plan and Annual Budget approved by the Tribal Council; and,
- b. ensure the quality of management activities and operations in all areas of the Little River Casino Resort; and,
- c. have all duties and responsibilities customary for a Board of Directors of a gaming, restaurant, hotel, and entertainment enterprise including, without limitation, responsibility for the overall operation of the Little River Casino Resort.

The Specific Duties are even longer:

5.03. *Specific Duties.*

a. *Annual Budget.* The Board of Directors shall prepare a proposed Annual Budget for the Little River Casino Resort in accordance with the power of the Ogema to prepare and present an annual budget to the Tribal Council under Article V, Section 5(a)(5) of the Constitution, and in accordance with the power of the Tribal Council to approve or amend the annual budget; provided, that the Annual Budget shall include at a minimum:

1. operating funds for the Little River Casino Resort; and,
2. any proposed capital expenditures; and,
3. short-term and long-term profit goals, and,
4. operating funds for the Board of Directors including funds for office space, staff, consultants, and compensation for Members of the Board of Directors.

b. *Annual Operating Plan.* The Board of Directors shall prepare an Annual Operating Plan for the Little River Casino Resort, including financial goals and other goals, which shall be subject to approval by the Tribal Council by law or resolution.

c. *General Manager.* The Board of Directors shall have the power to hire a General Manager for the Little River Casino Resort in accordance with the laws and resolutions of the Tribe. The Board of Directors may enter into an employment contract with the General Manager; provided, that such contract shall be subject to ratification by the Tribal Council. The Board of Directors shall evaluate the performance of the General Manager on an annual basis or more frequently as needed. The Board of Directors shall have the power to terminate the employment of the General Manager in accordance with the laws and resolutions of the Tribe.

d. *Personnel Manual.* The Board of Directors shall have the power to approve and amend the Personnel Manual for the Little River Casino Resort, subject to the overriding authority of the Tribal Council to alter such Personnel Manual by law or resolution. The Board of Directors shall provide at least a 30-day advance notice to the Ogema and Tribal Council of all proposed amendments to the Personnel Manual.

e. *Appeals Board.* The Board of Directors shall serve as an appeals body to decide the final outcome of all decisions to hire, transfer, suspend, lay-off, evaluate, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline any employee of the Little River Casino Resort, except the General Manager, in accordance with applicable personnel laws and regulations. A decision by the Board of Directors shall be final for purposes of Judicial review.

f. *Reporting.* The Board of Directors shall prepare and submit a written report to the Ogema and Tribal Council on monthly basis. The monthly report shall summarize the status of all material aspects of the operation of the Little River Casino Resort. The Board of Directors shall prepare and submit a comprehensive written annual report to the Ogema and Tribal Council by October 1st of each year. The annual report shall address all material aspects of the casino operation for the preceding twelve-month period and shall include information on the status of all Departments within the Little River Casino Resort.

The Casino Board of Directors is extremely important to the operation of our enterprise and requires quite a bit of knowledge and experience. Watch for announcements of vacancies and then please feel free to submit a letter of interest to the Office of the Ogema for consideration.

Perhaps you have noticed the regular announcements in the **Currents** looking for tribal citizens to serve on Commissions and Committees. Have you ever wondered just what these two types of groups actually do for the tribe? Are you aware of their positions within the structure of the government or even just how important these two types of groups actually are for the tribe?

In an effort to help you understand Committees and Commissions more thoroughly, your Ogema has authorized this article that goes over the basics.

If you look on our website: www.lrboi.com (or at a printed copy) of the Tribal Council Ordinances you will see a section like this:

Chapter 150 - Commissions; Governmental Entities

- **Title 01.** - Commissions Ordinance
- **Title 02.** - Removal Rules and Procedures Ordinance
- **Title 03.** - Development Committee - 2005 Resort Expansion Act
- **Title 05.** - Commerce Commission Ordinance
- **Title 06.** - Health Commission Ordinance
- **Title 07.** - Boards Ordinance
- **Title 08.** - Committees Ordinance

Under Title 01 and Title 08 you will see the Ordinances for both types of groups. Then under 5.01 for Commissions and 4.04 for Committees, you will see information dealing with subjects like each group's background, membership and authority.

5.01. *Commissions.* Commissions are created to regulate and manage within a subject matter or activity.

- a. *Membership.* A commission has at least five commissioners who shall be appointed by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council.
- b. *Authority.* A commission shall be granted sufficient legislative authority to allow the commission to create regulations to govern in the subject matter jurisdiction.

4.04. *Committees.* Committees are created to gather public comment and organize that information to be submitted to the Tribal Council.

- a. *Authority.*
 1. A committee shall be granted authority to hold hearings and collect information.
 2. No committee shall have the authority to act, represent or otherwise commit the Tribe, its resources or set policy on behalf of the Tribe unless it is specifically delegated such authority in creating resolutions.

As you see here, Commissions and Committees have important functions for our tribe. They can regulate activities and they can gather information for our leadership that can help them make decisions which affect all of us.

So, how do you know what Commissions and Committees actually operate here at Little River and which ones need members? If you watch the **Currents** and the *Rapid River News* you will see announcements like this one and you can see a recent list of openings:

• **Commissions/Committees:**

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	2 openings
Muschigon	3 openings
LRCR Board	2 openings

How do you apply for an appointment to a Commission or Committee; how long do they served; who can apply and what qualifications do you have to have to be a member? Back to the 'Chapter 150' referenced above. Each of the two types of groups has specific requirements and rules. However, the basics are shown here:

7.05. **Commission Membership.** All commissioners shall be chosen as set forth in this section.

- a. *Number and Term of Office.* Commissions shall have five commissioners or seven commissioners, but in all cases shall state a specific number of commissioners. Commissioners shall serve four year terms, provided that the Tribal Council may authorize longer terms.
- b. *Posting.* Vacancies on a commission shall be posted in the tribal newspaper, or other notice provided to the membership, at least thirty days prior to submission of a recommendation to Tribal Council by the Ogema.

c. *Recommendation to Tribal Council.* The Ogema shall submit to Tribal Council a nominee for approval. The recommendation shall contain the following information.

1. Name of individual.
2. Name of commission and identification of qualifications for the commission to which the individual is being nominated.
3. Identification of the term of office which shall include the start date as well as the term ending date. If applicable, there shall also be identified that this nomination fills a vacant term, and whether that term is affected by section 7.04, and the affect, if any.
4. Copies of the following documents.
 - A. Application or other resource utilized by the Ogema to review the qualifications and determine that the individual should be nominated.
 - B. Copy of notice of vacancy which shall include the date on which it was posted.

d. *Interview by Tribal Council.* The Tribal Council may request the nominee to attend a Tribal Council meeting, in closed session if required, to participate in an interview. Such request shall be by motion, and the nominee shall be notified by letter of the date and time of the interview. The Tribal Council shall identify the questions to be asked of the nominee and approve them prior to the interview. Such questions shall be asked by the Tribal Council Speaker, or other representative nominated by the Tribal Council.

e. *Acceptance of Recommendation.* If the nominee is approved by the Tribal Council, a motion substantially similar to that set out below shall be made.

6.05. ***Committee Membership.*** All Committee members shall be chosen as set forth in this section.

a. *Number and Term of Office.* Committees shall have five or seven members, but in all cases shall state a specific number of members. Committee members shall serve four year terms, provided that the Tribal Council may authorize longer terms.

b. *Posting.* Vacancies on a Committee shall be posted in the tribal newspaper, or other notice provided to the membership, at least thirty days prior to submission of a recommendation by Tribal Council. All applications shall be received by the Tribal Council recorder.

c. *Recommendation by Tribal Council.* The Tribal Council shall review all applicants and recommend a nominee for approval. The recommendation shall contain the following information.

1. Name of individual.
2. Name of Committee and identification of qualifications for the Committee to which the individual is being nominated.
3. Identification of the term of office which shall include the start date as well as the term ending date. If applicable, there shall also be identified that this nomination fills a vacant term.
4. Copies of the following documents.
 - A. Application or other resource utilized by the Tribal Council to review the qualifications and determine that the individual should be nominated.
 - B. Copy of notice of vacancy which shall include the date on which it was posted.

d. *Interview by Tribal Council.* The Tribal Council may request the nominee to attend a Tribal Council meeting, in closed session if required, to participate in an interview. Such request shall be by motion, and the nominee shall be notified by letter of the date and time of the interview. The Tribal Council shall identify the questions to be asked of the nominee and approve them prior to the interview. Such questions shall be asked by the Tribal Council Speaker, or other representative nominated by the Tribal Council.

e. *Acceptance of Recommendation.* If the nominee is approved by the Tribal Council, the appointment shall be approved by motion of Tribal Council.

f. *Non-Acceptance of Recommendation.* If the nominee is not approved by the Tribal Council, the reasons why the recommendation is unacceptable shall be placed in the record.

There are rules for being on these groups and you can find them on the website or by reviewing the written ordinances.

Commissions and Committees are one of the keys to good governance here at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and your tribe needs your input as tribal citizens. It all begins with a simple letter to the Ogema stating that you are interested in serving on one of these Committees or Commissions. Please consider volunteering to be part of our government.

The Peacemaking Talking Circle

III

Talking Circles and Community Involvement



By
Patrick D. Wilson

If this is you, then you are someone who should become active and support the monthly Peacemaking Talking Circle. Every citizen who has a deep concern and a caring heart for our young people and of our community should be involved.

Why is it important? The answer to that question is in the way we treat our children, and the way our community views our Tribal Citizens. ***“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul, then the way it treats its children.” Nelson Mandela.***

Our teachings say we should care for our Elders, it also says we need to provide for our children. Our children need to see that we care about them. We need to teach them our cultural ways, and peacemaking, and talking circles are part of our culture.

The Peacemaking Talking Circle is not punishment; it is guidance and support for the offender. An offender who needs some positive direction in their life, and need to have a clear understanding how they can help the victim become whole and heal their relationships, this is the ideal outcome. This is one of the many steps the offender will need to take to getting back on track.

The wisdom and life experience of the participants in the talking circle will provide recommendations for the at-risk youth and first time offender. In this way we will be helping to change, and improve the lives of all Gdanwendaaganinanik.

It is not hard to understand why we should be involved in the Peacemaking Talking Circle; the main reason is to help out our community to make it a safer and better place to live.

So, are you that someone who believes that the children are our future and do you believe that your life experiences have given you a little wisdom, wisdom that you can pass on to others?

Tribal Police help out at Standing Rock

The Little River Band Public Safety Department has always been big on helping out our fellow tribes and law enforcement agencies. This was especially true recently when two of our officers went out to North Dakota on a program arranged by Director Joseph LaPorte with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to help out the Standing Rock Police Department.

The Standing Rock PD has a lack of Officers and the law enforcement challenges in protecting the people of the reservation are monumental.

One of the officers, Tribal member Robert Medacco shared his thoughts on the experience upon his return in late May.

“I don’t want to go into specifics of any particular cases as they are pending prosecution, but I will say I enjoyed the experience. The overall goal was to aid in reducing violent crimes within the Standing Rock Reservation. Personally, I responded to several of these calls, such as domestics, fights, aggravated assaults with weapons, and attempted robberies. Most of these crimes would have been responded to long after the fact, if at all, due to the BIA/ Standing Rock Agency manpower shortage. With the assistance of fellow tribal agencies,

including LRDPs and the Cherokee Marshals Service, we flooded the reservation with enough manpower to put a significant dent into the amount of these targeted crimes. These tasks were accomplished by Officers being more visible to the tribal members. This increased visibility deterred some of the crimes and helped us respond faster to calls for service with the increase in manpower.

Alcohol is definitely a major issue that needs to be addressed within the reservation. During the course of duty, I would ask every person I arrested “have you ever been to jail sober?” The overwhelming response was “no.” Unfortunately it’s a disease that spreads from the elders of the tribe down to the teenagers. It was very difficult to observe fellow Natives destroying themselves with this dangerous activity. Alcohol was consistent with the majority of the calls we had taken.

It was definitely nice to see all the agencies work together. We did receive several “thank you” messages from residents of the reservation, relieved that we were there to help in making their community a safer place to live, if only for a few weeks. I was even invited to a graduation dinner with a family that didn’t have a positive view of Police until I assisted them with a

neighbor they had a history of problems with. From that point forward, the family waved at me every time I patrolled their area, which was not the norm. I was even in Bismarck one day getting the oil changed in the patrol car and the same family just about pulled me over to make sure I was going to eat with them.

In all it was an eye opening experience, I thoroughly enjoyed. I am thankful to all those involved that made this possible as it is a true honor to be selected to represent this Department and the members of LRBOI. I hope to get this opportunity again as a lot of work is still needed, and it demonstrates our true support for all Tribal Nations when we can lend a hand.”

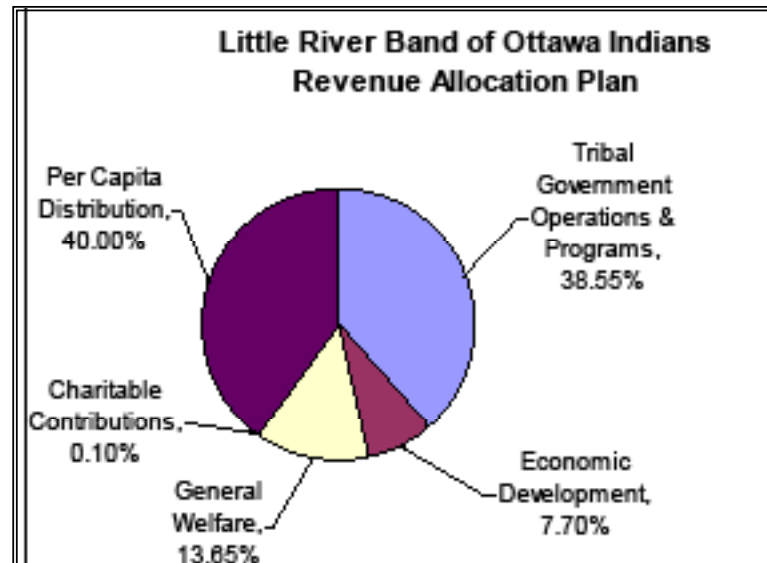


The Per Cap totals have been announced for the July 1st distribution. Tribal Citizens between 18 and 54 years of age will receive \$684.07 while Elders 55 and older will receive \$1,368.14. The amounts represent a 34% increase from the 7/01/09 payment.

Enrollment

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan & Per Capita Question and Answers

The chart below illustrates the allocation percentages designated for each category per the Revenue Allocation Plan.



Per the LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN – Approved by
Tribal Council Resolution 08-0123-20
Section 2. Purpose

- 2.02. The RAP shall allocate revenues generated by the Tribe's gaming enterprises towards the following purposes; the funding of tribal government operations and programs, providing for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members, the promotion of the Tribe's economic development, donations to charitable organizations and per-capita distributions to tribal members.

This document will be reviewed and updated as necessary. It is recommended that you review the tribe's website often for additions to the Q & A information.

Question and Answer – Per Capita Payments

Brought to you by:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Enrollment Department
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
1-888-723-8288

1. Q. Who is the contact for questions about the Per Capita payments?

A. The Enrollment Department will assist you with questions or direct you to the Department or agency who can better answer your questions. Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288.

2. Q. How will the tribe know where to mail the check or Direct Deposit vouchers.

A. The checks and Direct Deposit vouchers are mailed to the last known address on file with the Enrollment Department. If you plan to move or have moved, contact the Enrollment Department for a Change of Address Form.

3. Q. What if I have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment?

A. If you have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment you must contact the Enrollment Department for an Address Correction Form. All Address Changes need to be submitted (15) Fifteen Days before the payment date. If you have not updated your information, this could result in

a delay in receiving a payment. Returned UNDELIVERABLE mail is reported to the Enrollment Department. In the event a check or Direct Deposit voucher is returned, mailings will stop until the Tribal Member turns in an updated Address Form to the Enrollment Department.

4. Q. What if I do not receive the check in the mail or it is lost?

A. Contact the Enrollment Department to assist you.

5. Q. Are Per Capita Payments Taxable?

A. Yes, The tribe is obligated to notify you that Per Capita payments are subject to federal taxation. Per Capita is taxable income and the taxes assessed depend on your income bracket and location. The Tribe will automatically deduct applicable taxes from the per capita payments if they meet the Internal Revenue Service's threshold that would require the withholding. The payments may also be subject to state tax if you do not live in the tax agreement area. All Per Capita payments will be reported on the appropriate tax form and mailed to you by Jan. 31st. We encourage you to contact a tax preparer for further tax questions.

6. Q. Who is eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. Per the Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (ii) be enrolled in the Tribe no later than the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, to be eligible to receive per capita distribution in the fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a qualified tribal member would need to have been enrolled with the tribe by no later than the last day of fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.

Fiscal Quarters

- (1) January thru March
- (2) April thru June
- (3) July thru September
- (4) October thru December

7. Q. What are the age groups for Per Capita Payments?

A. Tribal Members who are eligible consist of two groups 18 to 54 and Elders 55 and up. Use the chart below to determine eligibility for each quarterly payment.

Payment Date
December 15th
April 1st
July 1st
October 1st

Date that you have to be either 18 or 55
September 30th
December 31st
March 31st
June 30th

8. Q. Are minor Tribal Members eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. No- Tribal members under the age of 18 shall not be eligible to receive per capita distributions.

9. Q. What will the tribe do with Per Capita payments that are not claimed?

A. See Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8 (b) Use of Net Gaming Revenues: Individual Per Capita Distributions- Any net gaming revenues allocated for the purpose of funding per capita distributions that have not been expended on the last date of the fiscal year shall be reallocated to tribal investments.

10. Q. How are Per Capita payments disbursed by age group? Amounts illustrated below are an EXAMPLE and should not be misinterpreted as the amount that will be disbursed. Amounts will vary depending on net gaming revenues generated.

A. Payment amounts are determined by a point system. Adults age 18 to 54 receive 1 point and Elders Age 55 and older receive 2 points. Example: Using the chart below the calculation for Elders is the point schedule multiplied by the number of Elders (2 x 715=1430). From this number the Allocation Percentage is calculated by using the points divided by the total of both groups points (1430 / 3929 = .3639603 OR 36.40%). From this percentage the Revenue Share is calculated by using the Net Gaming Revenue multiplied by the Allocation % (\$2,500,000 x 36.40% = \$909,900.74). The Revenue Share is then divided by the number of Elders (\$909,900.74 / 715 = \$1,272.59)

-Example Only-							
Net Gaming Revenue	Age Group	Point Schedule	Members	Points	Allocation %	Revenue Share	Quarter Payment
\$2,500,000.00	18 to 54 Yrs	1	2499	2499	63.60%	\$1,590,099.26	\$636.29
	55 and Older	2	715	1430	36.40%	\$909,900.74	\$1,272.59
Total			3214	3929	100%	\$2,500,000.00	

11. Q. Can Per Capita payments be garnished?

A. Yes, Per Capita distributions may be withheld to satisfy any court ordered judgment obtained by the tribe against the qualified tribal member or to satisfy court ordered child support obligations. Any amount remaining after satisfaction of the court ordered judgment or child support obligation shall be distributed to the qualified tribal member in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Allocation Plan.

12. Q. Can the payment be electronically deposited into a checking or savings account?

A. Yes, by completing the Direct Deposit form the payment may be deposited to the qualified tribal member's bank account. Contact the Enrollment Department to request the form and instructions. NOTE* If you plan to move you must update your address with the Enrollment Department. At any time a members information on file with Enrollment Department is determined incorrect the Direct Deposit for the member will be cancelled, until information is up to date.

13. Q. Can state and/or federal assistance programs be affected by Per-Capita payments?

A. The Tribe cannot provide guidance for all the agencies that require you to report a change in income. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning your specific questions about income based assistance programs. For example if you receive S.S.I., DHS, Commodities, please contact your agency.

14. Q. Can a member refuse these payments?

A. If the Tribal member meets the eligibility requirements of the Revenue Allocation Plan they will receive per capita payments. Many agencies will count these payments as available income to you even if you refuse the payments. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning these payments.

15. Q. Will Per Capita payments be the same amount each time?

A. No. The payments will vary depending on the amount of net gaming revenues generated each quarter. The Revenue Allocation Plan allocates 40% of the net gaming revenues to per capita payments. The revenue allocation plan sets forth the amount the tribe can disburse to tribal members. The payments are made quarterly from the gaming revenues generated.

16. Q. Are the Per Capita payments considered income?

A. Many agencies count per capita payments as income. For further information contact the agency office with specific questions you may have.

17. Q. When are the Per Capita Payments made?

A. Per Capita payments will be distributed to qualified tribal members on the first day of each fiscal quarter. January 1st payment will be issued December 15th.

<p>Fiscal Quarters <u>(1st) January 1st thru March 31st</u> <u>(2nd) April 1st thru June 30th</u> <u>(3rd) July 1st thru September 30th</u> <u>(4th) October 1st thru December 31st</u></p>
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18. Q. When will the amount of a Per Capita payment be announced?

A. The amount will be announced on the main switchboard announcement at least four (4) weeks prior to a distribution. You can reach the message announcement by calling the tribe's main number (231)723- 8288 or 888-723-8288 and listen to the directory prompt to the Per Capita Information extension. Due to end of the year close outs of accounting processes it is determined that the 2nd quarter announcements will be delayed close to the disbursement date. This announcement will be posted when it is available.

19. Q. Is there specific information on the date when I will be eligible for per capita payments?

A.

<p>1st. Quarter - January-March (Distributed Dec. 15) 2nd Quarter – April - June 3rd Quarter – July-September 4th Quarter – October – December</p>	<p>Member must be of age 18 and 55 by September 30th. Member must be of age 18 and 55 by December 31st. Member must be of age 18 and 55 by March 31st. Member must be of age 18 and 55 by June 30th.</p>
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20. Q. Can I cancel a Direct Deposit request?

A. Yes, Direct deposit can be cancelled by submitting a Direct Deposit Cancellation form. Contact the Enrollment Department for this form to be mailed to you or download the form at www.lrboi.com. This form has to be NOTARIZED and submitted (5) five days before the payment date.

Tight Lines for Troops

Mskomini-Giizis (Raspberry Moon)
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Honoring our Military Veterans is a hallmark of the Native American way of life and last May the Manistee community came together for the same reason. A wonderful event was held over the weekend of May 23rd and 24th in Manistee as the Little River Casino Resort launched the 1st Annual Tight Lines for Troops Charity Fishing Tournament.

Bob Guenthardt, a tribal citizen and Charter fisherman had a 'brainstorm' to fashion an event to honor Military Veterans of all branches with a time of sport fishing, camaraderie, good food and remembrance. Bob and the casino staff came together to help spearhead the whole event. Then Guenthardt and 36 other Charter Boat Captains gave a total of 151 veterans, many of them disabled, a day of fishing for salmon, lake trout and steelhead off the shores of Manistee.

Beginning with a free spaghetti supper provided by the Manistee V.F.W. on Sunday evening, the participants gathered early on Monday morning to head out into the lake, accompanied by the sound of a bagpipe. They fished until noon and came back into port.

As the boats returned, members of Rolling Thunder Michigan Chapter #1 greeted them with a bevy of flags on the South Manistee Pier. As each boat passed, they would hold up their catch for 'inspection' and occasional cheers. Tribal member Janice Grant was one of the Rolling Thunder members honoring our troops.

The catches were transported to the Manistee National Guard Armory (Black Knights) in coolers for the weigh-in.

That evening, the doors of the Three Fires Conference Center opened for the entire group of veterans, captains and crews, sponsors and families. After a welcome ceremony led by Tribal Citizen and Family Services Director Bill Membroto, honor songs by Swirling Wind, the national anthem sung by KELLY TRUDELL and the pledge of allegiance, a wonderful dinner courtesy of the Little River Casino Resort was presented (and enjoyed) by everyone.

Retired USAF Major Rick Briggs served as the MC for the event. He represented one of the sponsors of the event, the Brain Injury Association of Michigan which addresses the needs of troops who have been injured. He introduced numerous dignitaries and representatives who spoke about their need to honor our veterans. Briggs had warriors from each of the more recent wars rise for recognition...from World War II to current conflicts. One especially moving presentation was with Korean veteran and Medal of Honor winner Duane Dewey.

While an unofficial 'tournament', trophies were

handed out to the top teams with first place honors going to those on "Trout Scouts" with a 16.5 lb salmon. The team "Team Navy" took the Governors Trophy which was sponsored by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm. This trophy will be awarded each year.

This event was sponsored and supported by many different groups and as an indicator of how appropriate the event was in the minds of the people of Manistee, LRCR Conference Sales Manager Judy Ball told the assembled audience that, "Not one single person turned us down when we asked for their support!"

Bob Guenthardt and Major Briggs announced that plans, "...are already in the works for next year." Congratulations Bob, Little River and everyone for honoring our wonderful warriors!



Tight Lines for Troops



(Wolverine Coal-Fired Plant) This last month Michigan Tribal Nations won another environmental battle when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment denied Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative's air quality permit for a new 600 megawatt coal-fired power plant. The power plant was proposed for Rogers City in northern Michigan on the shore of Lake Huron.

For years, the Tribes have been fighting development of coal-fired power plants here in the state on the basis of pollution and damage to our Mother Earth. The United Tribes of Michigan have long held positions against these plants and our own Little River Band was a leader in blocking the development of the Tondu Plant here in Manistee in 2003-2004.

A Resolution from the United Tribes (#06-10-30-08) specifically addressed this type of plant expansion... *Expansion of Coal-Powered Plants* and concluded that: "...the United Tribes of Michigan urges Governor Granholm and her administration to rescind or deny air permits and water permits for all new coal plants in the best interest of the Health and Welfare of Tribal and Michigan citizens."

The state of Michigan in a statement quoted from May 21st said that the reason for denying the Wolverine Plant was that, "The state's decision is based on findings of the Michigan Public Service Commission, which said the company failed to demonstrate the plant was needed to meet future supply needs."

The Public Service Commission staff also determined that building the proposed plant would increase electricity rates paid by average residential customers to 20.7 cents per kilowatt-hour.

This 59.2 percent rate increase would cost the average residential customer \$76.95 more each month. Only Hawaii has a higher average kilowatt-hour rate.

Governor Jennifer Granholm said the proposed power plant is unnecessary and far too expensive."

(Eagle Rock) The tribal protest at Eagle Rock in the Upper Peninsula took a turn for the worse near the end of May when police enforced an order to remove a small group of Native Americans and environmental activists from their encampment. Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company obtained an order to remove the protestors.

The company is owned by London-based Rio Tinto PLC. Company officials said that calling the police was a "...last resort" after the protestors refused several requests to vacate the state-owned property.

The company wants to develop mining for copper and nickel below the sacred grounds by using sulfuric acid which is forced into the ground thus dissolving the minerals for easier extraction. One of the main concerns is that the mining operation will pollute groundwater and streams including the Salmon Trout River which is directly above the ore

body. Another concern is possible pollution of Lake Superior by the same runoff.

In addition, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community which is based in Baraga about 70 miles to the west said that, "they and their ancestors have worshipped and conducted spiritual activities such as fasting, pipe ceremonies and medicine lodges around Eagle Rock for generations.

The Keweenaw Bay tribe and the National Wildlife Federation are challenging Kennecott's state permits in court and the Environmental Protection Agency has yet to rule on an underground wastewater discharge permit for the project although Kennecott says it doesn't need the permit.

Keweenaw Bay tribal President Chris Swartz delivered an informative, impassioned plea for tribal assistance in the fight at the February United Tribes meeting in Battle Creek.

"Editors note: Please see the Records report on page 3 for more information on LRBOI support of the Eagle Rock fight against mining and for relevant internet links."

Detz to head United Way



United Way of Manistee has chosen the Little River Casino Group Sales Manager, Anna Detz, to lead their board of directors this coming year. Anna was chosen at the recent annual meeting where she was also re-elected to the board through 2013.

Detz will lead a management team that includes others with Little River ties including Jason Verheek from the Government Accounting Department and Bill Brooks who was involved with the tribe during formative years as Legislative Counsel.

The 2009-10 United Way Campaign raised \$170,000 during a campaign led by Manistee Police Chief David Bachman.

Corey Van Fleet, United Way Executive Director praised and thanked the board members and volunteers who made this a successful campaign. Funds raised by United Way of Manistee County are used to defray operating expenses for 11 member agencies

Published Notice

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 9, 2010

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street

Manistee, MI 49660

(231) 723.8288

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 24, 2010, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will submit a request to HUD for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake a project known as 2010 Aki Maadiziwin Housing Project, for the purpose of constructing fifteen homes. The subdivision is located on Dontz Road in Manistee, MI.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1996 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians main office, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI, 49660 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department. All comments received by June 24, 2010 will be considered by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter's should specify which part of the Notice they are addressing. All comments should be directed to Chad A. Gehrke at the following address: 375 River Street, Manistee, MI, 49660.



In March, Peggy Ducey from HR and Holly Davis from the Clinic kicked off a weight loss challenge to tribal employees as part of a program to help everyone achieve a healthier lifestyle. May 14th was the final weigh-in with a luncheon and prizes being awarded to the winners. While the numbers were being tabulated, the 30 employees in attendance enjoyed a 'healthy' lunch with strawberry shortcake for dessert. You can enjoy food....just do it wisely! While there were five top winners, collectively the group had 288 total pounds lost!

The top five are as follows.

- 1.) Dale Magoon
- 2.) Roger Shalifoe
- 3.) Michelle Lucas
- 4.) Sandra Chandler
- 5.) Steve Wheeler

Special mention goes out to the Finance Department who had the most weight lost for any single department!



Tax Office

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 20 packs per Tribal member.



New procedures coming for tax-exempt purchases at Little River Trading Post

Watch the Rapid River News and notices at the Little River Trading Post for more information as it becomes available.

Tax Exemptions at Little River Trading Post

Tribal members are responsible for keeping track of their own tax-exempt purchases. Tax and penalties will be charged for over-limit purchases. The computer at the store is for internal use in keeping tax-exemption records. Do not rely on it for monitoring your purchases because the amounts are not always updated until the end of the month.

Any questions or concerns about your tax exemptions should be addressed to the Tax Office. The Trading Post employees are not responsible for the taxes, penalties or limits that have been imposed. Please be courteous and treat the employees with the respect they deserve.

Come out and join us for our monthly

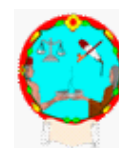
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Austen Brauker,
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NOTE: The meeting is the last Monday of every month.

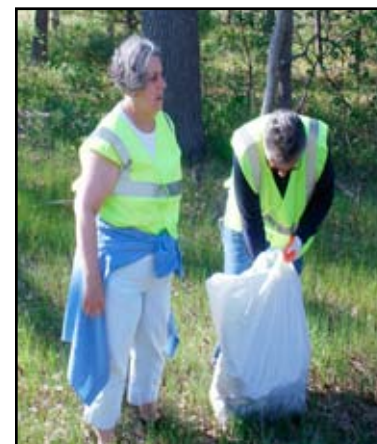


If you were driving along M-55 on May 19th you may have seen Family Services Department staff and family members in stylish but highly-visible, neon green safety vests cleaning up litter along the roadside. They were doing their part for the second year in a row to help keep our roadsides beautiful by participating in the Michigan Adopt-A-Highway program. Adopt-a-Highway is a Michigan Department of Transportation program designed to help keep the state's highway roadsides clean and attractive. Participants adopt both sides of a two-mile section of state highway roadside to clean up

for at least a two-year period. Since 1990, Adopt-A-Highway local groups have collected over a million bags of trash. Currently 2,800 groups are participating in the program and have adopted over 6,400 miles of Michigan highways. All types of organizations can participate in the pickup, but crew members must be at least 12 years old and each group needs three or more people, although more are encouraged to join in to help spread the work load. Groups agree to a two-year commitment of keeping their section of highway trash-free. In recognition of their efforts the groups get colorful Adopt-A-Highway signs along the roadway featuring their name.

Participants are given a choice of two mile stretches of highway for pickup. The Family Services group chose M-55 from Nine Mile Bridge Road to Claybank Road. The team went out two different days after work and in no time at all the job was done. This seems a small commitment for such a great payoff as a clean landscape to enjoy as we travel around our beautiful state, not to mention the added reward volunteers get from feeling so virtuous for doing something good. Several bags of litter which ranged from discarded bottles and cans to stray articles of clothing were picked up and disposed of. The most common trash was empty cigarette packs, plastic and cardboard fast food beverage cups and fast food bags. It seems that fast food is truly the gift that keeps on giving!

So when you're traveling M-55 this summer look for the Adopt-A-Highway signs recognizing Family Services Department for their efforts. Megwich to LRBOI Family Services staff for doing their part in keeping our landscape beautiful and our roadsides clean.



TPD Cleanup on Dontz

The Tribal Public Safety Department officers turned out in force last month to clean up Dontz Road leading out to the Community Center at Aki.

Sgt. Vance Bates, Detective Jim Grabowski, Sgt. Mark Szynski and officers Janelle Cook, Melissa Alexander, Mike Brown and Brandi Johnson-Cook all took the time to scour the roadside leading from M22 to Aki, picking up trash and debris. Collectively they gathered about 6 bags.

Each year officers from the Tribal Police take the time to keep this area looking good! Their efforts are appreciated by members and visitors alike.



SADD Smashes Car for Cancer

Mskomini-Giizis (Raspberry Moon)
July 2010 Vol. 7 Issue 7

by Victoria Parker

Patrick and Sunflower Wilson have been involved with Manistee High School's chapter of SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, for years. When they asked their father, Pat Wilson, to help support their group's "Beating Out Cancer" fundraiser, Wilson readily agreed.

The event, sponsored by MHS SADD, was part of the school's Relay For Life week. During the week, students raise awareness of the need to find a cure for cancer. "Beating Out Cancer" consisted of the group accepting donations in exchange for bashing a car with a mallet. 50 cents allowed donors one strike on the automobile, \$1 allowed 3 strikes and a \$20 donation allowed tipping of the end vehicle. The money collected was then donated to Relay For Life.

During the smashing event, SADD also sold ice cream sandwiches, donated at a discounted cost by Vincent's Ice Cream in Manistee.

"The whole school came out," Patrick Wilson said. "It was lots of fun for a really great cause."

The car was donated by Brian's Auto Parts in Manistee. Owners Brian and Rose Ann McLaughlin donate a vehicle every year to SADD.

Patrick Wilson explained that SADD helps "give students a second chance" and said that anybody can join the group. For more information, contact the Manistee High School at 231-723-2547.



- 10,000 Middle school, high school, and college chapters with advisors for each
- 40,000 Average number of visits per month on our Web site at www.sadd.org
- 43,000 Number of middle schools and high schools that receive SADD's newsletter, Decisions
- 350,000 SADD active students ("members") participating in SADD chapters
- 7 million+ Number of young people in schools with a SADD chapter
- Millions more ... School and community members, business people, law enforcement personnel, family members and friends exposed to SADD's message



SADD's mission:

To provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving and other destructive decisions.





Speaker to Bring Vision of
Native Contribution to World Religious Organization

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 1, 2010

Contact: Mr. Levi Rickert – 616/299-7542
or The Rev. Mike Peters – 616/255-6311



It is a tough thing to step in for an international figure, but Richard Twiss will try.

Twiss will take the place of noted Cherokee leader and path-breaker, Wilma Mankiller, when he delivers the keynote address at the founding meeting of the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 22, 2010. Mankiller died in early April from pancreatic cancer.

“We were all saddened by the death of Wilma Mankiller, who was slated to be the keynote address speaker, but are excited Richard Twiss so readily agreed to come to Grand Rapids to address the international delegates,” stated Levi Rickert,

one of the planners of the conference and Grand Rapids American Indian advocate.

A respected American Indian religious education and cultural consultant, Twiss brings a path-breaking vision of his own, “no other people group is so uniquely positioned for telling God’s story, as First Nations People are today.”

Twiss is the co-founder and president of Wiconi International, a Christian organization working with Indigenous communities throughout the United States and the Americas, and the author of *One Church, Many Tribes: Following Jesus the Way God Made You*.

Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk for the Presbyterian Church in Canada and a member of the planning team, says the keynote presentation will focus on the present-day concerns and aspirations of Indigenous peoples in the United States.

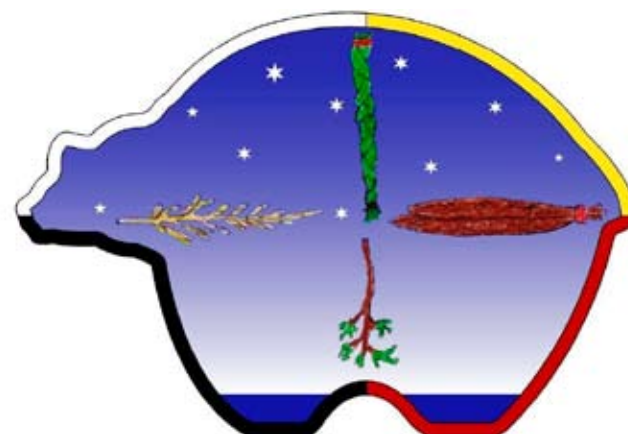
“This will enhance the understanding of all delegates as they reflect on the historic relationship between the Church and the First Peoples of North America and the need for healing and reconciliation.”

Other program highlights focusing on American Indian and First nations people include a ceremonial invitation by local tribal leaders for delegates to meet in their land; workshop opportunities; and, after Twiss’s presentation, a powwow in Ah-Nab-Awen Park, on the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids.

The World Council of Reformed Churches will bring together 1000 delegates from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Middle East and Pacific, representing over 80 million members in more than 100 church denominations.

The keynote presentation is to be delivered Tuesday, 22 June at Calvin College in the Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex at 11:15 a.m. The event is open to the public.

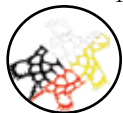
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The Anishnaabek Healing Circle is a gift from the Creator to the Three Fires People. The gift is now: with help from a federal Access to Recovery grant, we can do something about the disease of addiction, one person at a time. Only you can choose to accept the gift – of time, of people who care, of “Mino-bimaadiziwin” -- the Good Life – the life lived in balance. BeDa Bin Staff is asking for participation in the Anishnaabek Healing Circle Program. This includes working with you to complete a GPRA interview and at the point when you complete all ATR screening of the program you will be compensated with a \$25.00 Trading Post Fuel Card.

To get more information, please contact Julie Wolfe at 231-398-6740

or any BeDaBin Staff at 231-398-6742

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www.atrhealingcircle.com

Casino brings Fireworks to the 4th

The Little River Casino Resort came to the rescue of the Fireworks display for the 4th of July in Manistee this year. The casino became the major sponsor through their Chamber of Commerce association and insured that the ‘show will go on.’

The Independence Day celebration in Manistee is a very popular event as it also falls during the LRBOI Jiingtamok out at the Gathering Grounds (behind the Trading Post).

As with most communities, the fireworks program had been in jeopardy due to budget concerns for 2010.



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Manistee Ford-Mercury is pleased to again offer Little River of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government employees and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members (including employee and member families) special discount pricing on new vehicles. New Ford and Mercury vehicles that are eligible for the supplier discount will be made available at that price. In addition, all parts and service customers will be given 15% off. This is valid on

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**The Warriors Society is
gathering photographs of members.**

**Please send photos of
our Warriors either in
uniform or in
civillian dress to
the address below**

WARRIORS SOCIETY

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,
Warriors Society,
375 River Street, Manistee, Mi. 49660**

MoonBear

**Pottery & Indian Arts
1048 Silver Road**

**Coldwater, Michigan 49036
(517) 238-5833**

moonbear@cbpu.com

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as

an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Food Stamp Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification.

In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program

**USDA Income
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
Net Monthly Income Standards
October 1, 2009 & October 1, 2010
Household Size Income Limits**

1. \$ 1,044.00
2. \$ 1,356.00
3. \$ 1,667.00
4. \$ 1,991.00
5. \$ 2,329.00
6. \$ 2,666.00
7. \$ 2,978.00
8. \$ 3,290.00

For each additional member add \$ 312.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake

Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M

Lunch hour is 12:00 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Government Building (Service) Directory

Manistee, MI

General Information Phone Numbers

- 1.231.723.8288
- 1.888.723.8288 (toll free)

(Updated May 2010)

Justice Center

3130 Domres Road

- Tribal Court
- Peacemaking
- Legal Assistance
- Prosecutor
- Tribal Public Safety



Bank Building

375 River Street, Manistee

- Ogema
- Tribal Council
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Public Affairs
- Grants



Natural Resources

159 Brickyard Road
Eastlake

- Hunting/Fishing
- Resource Management



Tribal Health Clinic

310 9th Street, Manistee

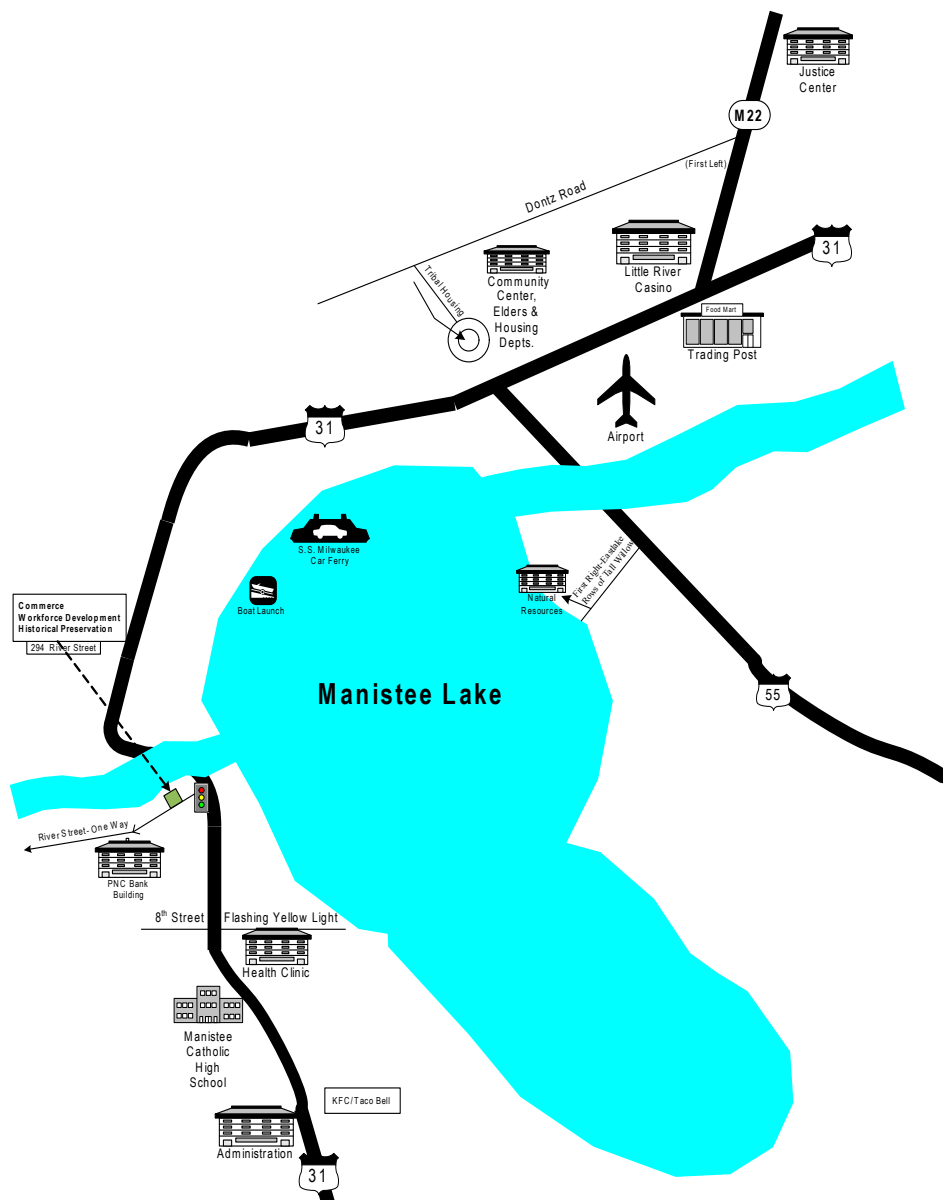
- Contract Health Services



Administration & Old Community Center

1762 US 31 (next to McDonalds),
Manistee

- Members Assistance
- Family Services
- Enrollment
- Education
- Commodities
- Be-Da-Bin





Special Olympics Volleyball

Mskomini-Giizis (Raspberry Moon)
July 2010 Vol. 7 Issue 7



A volley ball tournament involving some tribal employees was put on for the area 24 SPECIAL OLYMPICS on April 10th at the gym of Manistee High School. Kathy Grabowski was the coordinator of the event. They raised \$485.00. The people in the photograph from left to right are: Tribal Police Officer Mike Dunnbeck, Jerard Knapp, Dawn Price and Dewey Gilbert. In front are Tribal Police Officer Janelle Cook, Alicia Knapp, Andrea Umlauf and Lani Cooper.

Jim Grabowski was the head scorekeeper.

The team from the OAKS CORRECTIONAL Facility won the tournament.

Others playing were the "Lucky Lizards" from SPORTS INK.



Stay hydrated

Water makes up 65-70% of the body which helps regulate body temperature, carry nutrients to all parts of the body and eliminates waste. Your body needs at least eight cups of water a day. Limit soft drinks and sports drinks to avoid the unneeded calories. Try 100% fruit juice, milk and water for better nutrition.



*Miss Little River Band of Ottawa
Indian Princess Contest
Hosted by Quewak Group
concurrently with the LRBOI 15th
Annual Traditional Jiingtamok
July 3 & 4, 2010*

*Applicant Qualifications:
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal member
Between the ages of 13 and 18 years
A positive role model
Single with no dependents
A powwow dancer*

*For more information and application
contact:*

*Deb Davis 231.398.6724
Julie Wolfe 231.398.6740*

- From correspondents in Washington
- From: AP
- May 20, 2010 9:19AM

THE US formally apologised to American Indian tribes today for “ill-conceived policies” and acts of violence committed against them. Republican Senator Sam Brownback read the congressional resolution at an event attended by representatives of five Indian nations at the [Congressional Cemetery in Washington](#): the Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and Pawnee nations.

Four of the five are based in Oklahoma, and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate are in South Dakota. The Cherokee originally were from the Southeastern US but were forced to migrate to Oklahoma in the early 1800s.

Chad Smith, chief of the [Cherokee Nation](#), said most tribes had not specifically asked for a formal apology from the US government, but the gesture was appreciated.

“It’s difficult to issue an apology and sometimes it’s difficult to accept one,” Mr Smith said.

“Once you put those differences of the past aside, perhaps the next step is, can you do any better in this round? That’s where our greatest challenge is. The history of the US (toward American Indians) is not a bright record. The real question is, what happens from this day forward?”

Senator Brownback had pushed for the resolution since 2004.

Both houses of Congress approved it late last year and President Barack Obama signed it in December.

Lawmakers have described the resolution as a symbolic gesture that would help promote a renewed commitment by the federal government to the tribes.

In the text, the resolution “acknowledges years of official depredations, ill-conceived policies and the breaking of covenants” by the US government toward tribes and “apologises on behalf of the people of the United States to all Native Peoples for many instances of violence, maltreatment and neglect inflicted on” American Indians by US citizens.

LRBOI on line

At the Spring Tribal Membership meeting, you might have noticed a multi-camera set up on the second tier of the Maakwa Endaat entertainment center. That was the base of operations for the tribal Historical Preservation Departments’ Mack Brushman and his live-streaming of the meeting to the internet.

Over this last year, Mack has been perfecting the process of this important service that will allow Tribal Citizens around the world to watch the meetings and events affecting their tribal government including the recent election of Council member Lee Sprague.

Mack is also on Facebook with the information below. Be sure to make note of the ‘address’ so that you can watch other streaming events as they unfold.



Mack Brushman Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Members: The Special Election count and results will be streamed live via ustream on friday. it’s going to be at the same url as the membership meeting: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lrboi-2010-spring-membership-meeting>. The link is also on the tribe’s website and in the Rapid River News



LRBOI 2010 Spring Membership Meeting on USTREAM: UPDATE: we will reuse this show and address to air.
www.ustream.tv

LRBOI 2010 Spring Membership Meeting @ USTREAM: UPDATE: we will reuse this show and address to air the Special Election ballot count starting at noon on 4/...



Current Assistance Programs



FY2010 Members Assistance Department Programs

Programs are available in ALL STATES
with the exception of the grant funded
programs as noted in program listing.

*Food Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. If household is receiving food assistance from another agency, it is the responsibility of the applicant to verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect current benefits. Submission of receipts is a requirement of this program. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

*Low Income Energy Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
- Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
- Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

*Emergency Transportation Assistance

The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis.

Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household
- Vehicle areas in need of repair meet the scope of the program.

Amount of assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household.

*Elder Chore Assistance Program

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program. Elder must be a permanent member of the

household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.

The assistance for elder chore services are identified in the categories below;

- ☐ Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
- ☐ Weather stripping around doors and windows
- ☐ Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
- ☐ Gutter cleaning
- ☐ General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds
- ☐ Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household.

*Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a court ordered eviction or foreclosure notice
- Relocation to affordable housing
- Relocation due to loss of housing due to natural disaster
- Relocation due to substandard housing as documented by an inspector
- If program has been accessed in the past, received a denial from an outside agency for assistance.

-Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed program maximum program amount available to prevent or resolve housing crisis.



HOUSEHOLD INCOME- (Tribally funded programs) – Household income eligibility determination is based on three (3) months income prior to application. Applicant must provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

Deductions from Gross Income: Child support paid out and unreimbursed medical bills.

*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

~THE FOLLOWING ARE GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE NINE COUNTY SERVICE AREAS OF MICHIGAN~

NOTE LIHEAP funds are available in all counties of Michigan, for the counties outside of the Tribal 9 county service areas the local Department of Health and Human Services administers this program under their guideline rules. LIHEAP is also available in all states through their local Health and Human Services and Housing Authorities.**

*LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.

-Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.

-Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

Individuals who reside outside the 9 county areas and states- LIHEAP is available at the state level. If you are in need assistance, contact your local Department of Health and Human Services for assistance.

ATTENTION TRIBAL ELDERS – LIHEAP –

Cooling Assistance LIHEAP Component- Tribal Elders

This is a grant funded component of LIHEAP to provide assistance to Tribal Elders who meet the eligibility requirements, have a medical condition that require air conditioning during hot summer months, are experiencing an energy crisis due to additional energy burden to operate the cooling system and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.

-Medical condition and need for air conditioning must be certified and documented by medical professional.

- Assistance is available May 1, 2010 thru September 30, 2010.

REACH Program

The REACH program will be utilized to promote health and safety for low income households in need of assistance and education in reducing and controlling energy costs. Successful applicants will participate in a health and safety questionnaire and provide data for energy use and track the % of decreases in energy expenses over a 16 month period. The focus of the program will be promoting energy efficiency, education in conservation of energy and budgeting skills to reduce energy crisis. The program will promote Energy Smart Bulbs , Weatherization & Education, Energy Smart Appliances , Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detectors and Fire Extinguishers. Eligibility criteria:

- a. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- b. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- c. Household income does not exceed program guidelines
- d. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- e. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name where applicable and/or must have a 12 month lease / rental agreement.

Well and Septic Program

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas. Applicant must be:

- f. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- g. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- h. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- i. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.
- j. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

A complete application and the supporting documents must be submitted in order to process assistance request in a timely manner. Supporting documents are listed on the cover page of the application.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for program information and/or to request an application. Applications and Program Regulations are available online at www.lrbol.com Members Assistance link

Elder Meal Program

The Elder Meal Program is making good progress in implementing the meal site. Currently there is construction taking place to ensure our facility it up to code and has adequate equipment for serving these meals. Lee Iverson the Members Assistance Coordinator manages this program and has hired Noelle Cross to administer the program at the Aki Community Center. Noelle's abundant experience in the food industry and customer service has proven her to be the best candidate to take on this important position. Much planning and preparation has been ongoing to ensure a program that will provide a superior service to our elders. We hope all will be happy with the meal program and its benefits to our tribal elders as it is our goal to care for our elders as they have cared for their families.

One very important component of keeping elders healthy in their homes and communities is providing nutrition services. Adequate nutrition is critical to health, functioning, and quality of life.

The purposes of nutrition services, activities and disease prevention education are:

- *To reduce hunger and food insecurity;*
- *To promote socialization of older individuals; and*
- *To promote health and well-being by assisting older individuals to gain access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services to delay the onset of adverse health conditions.*

Eligibility: Enrolled Tribal Elders age 55 and over within the program service area. Also included in this eligibility are spouse of the eligible participant, handicapped or disabled individuals in the same household are eligible to participate when accompanying the Tribal Elder to the meal site.

-Services provided to elders shall be unduplicated services in all of the 9 County Services Areas, which means an elder participating in the Tribes Elder Meal Program is not participating in any other meal program in their area or does not availability of such program in their area.

Guest Meals are available for individuals who would like to attend a meal with an eligible participant/Tribal Elder but do not meet eligibility guidelines. There will be a charge for the guest meal that is calculated according to the meal being served. Average cost is about \$5.00.

Monthly Menu – the menu will be published in the Rapid River News, the Currents, posted in tribal buildings and posted on our website.

Elders must register to participate in the Elder Meal Program with initial intake processes taking place at this time. If you would like to participate in this program please contact the Members Assistance Department to speak with Noelle Cross about this program and to complete a short intake process. At the first meal you attend the final registration will take place.

Anticipated start of meal site will be the first week in July. Meals will be served for lunch at noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Aki Community Center located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung Manistee, MI 49660

If you reside outside the service area, please contact the Members Assistance Department for referral services to elder meal services that may be available in your area.

Other Services:

- Referral assistance in finding assistance organizations and/or agencies to assist with needs that are not readily available or provided through tribal programs.
- Interdepartmental Referral Services that provided interdepartmental coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments when assisting members.

REACH Program:

To ensure there is continued outreach efforts in getting information out to tribal citizens about available or upcoming programs the Members Assistance Department will from time to time post information in the currents.

REACH Program- Funding is available to assist up to 100 households. The program is available to citizens residing in the 9 County Services Area. This program is successful in decreasing energy costs and in our current economy energy savings would be helpful to our already low income households. Studies have shown that replacing regular bulbs with energy efficient CFL lighting reduces energy costs by 20%. This is only one portion the program and with a combination of other elements the cost savings for households is tremendous. The REACH program promotes:

Energy Smart Bulbs,
 Weatherization & Education,
 Energy Smart Appliances,
 Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detectors,
 Fire Extinguishers

To request an application, contact the Members Assistance Department

ELDER MEAL PROGRAM – Aki Community Center - Manistee

We are getting closer to having an Elder Meal Program available at the Aki Community Center. During this time an over the phone intake will register you for this program. During the 1st lunch the registration will be completed and you will be eligible to participate. A nutritious meal will be served and activities and informational presentations will be provided.

Elders may contact the Members Assistance Department for an over the phone intake process that will register you for this program. This program is being implemented to reduce hunger and food insecurity, Promote socialization of Elders and Promote health and well-being of older individuals and delay adverse health conditions through access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services. **THERE IS NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE AND SPOUSES MAY ATTEND WITH ELDER AT NO CHARGE.** Please contact the Members Assistance Department for over the phone intake. We will keep you posted on lunch dates and menu plan.



Department Staff
Lee A. Iverson – Members Assistance Coordinator
Amber Moore – Intake Clerk
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk
Noelle Cross – Elder Meal
Program Administrator
Office Hours Mon thru Thurs 8 am to 5 pm
Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288



by Victoria Parker

Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Prevention Program hosted the 8th Annual Medicine Wheel Planting on June 4. A large group gathered at the Tribal Administration building, 1762 US 31, to share in the planting of flowers and teachings of the Medicine Wheel.

The Sky graced the event with a gentle rain, preparing the Earth for the Flowers and reminding everyone that Water is a gift and a necessity. Tribal Elder Ms. Sally Jobes offered blessing. After a wonderful luncheon, provided by Be-Da-Bin, the group moved outside by the Medicine Wheel for teachings offered by Tribal Councilman, Lee Sprague. Listening to the light rainfall beneath a portable canopy, Julie Wolfe, Youth Prevention Counselor handed out ribbons of the Four Colors for participants to wear.

As the participants were smudged by Orian and Bishop, Sprague began the teachings. "When I see the Medicine Wheel, I am reminded of what is important," Sprague said. "Every time others see it, they will be reminded too."

He spoke in a good way of the Four Colors of the Wheel and the medicines that correspond to those colors and directions. He spoke of the Eastern direction and its medicine, Sema (Tobacco). In the Medicine Wheel, the East is colored yellow and represents Spring, Beginnings, Early Life and the Mind. Migizii, Eagle, is in the East. Sprague spoke of the Southern direction and its medicine, Kiishig (Cedar). The Southern portion of the Medicine Wheel is colored Red and represents Summer, the Middle, Youth and the Body. Wawashkesh, Deer, is in the South. In the Western direction, Mshkwadewashk (Sage) is the medicine. The West of the Medicine Wheel is colored black and represents Autumn, Adult life, and Emotions. Muskodaiin Bishikii, Buffalo, is in the West. In the Northern quadrant of the Wheel, the medicine is Wiingash (Sweet Grass). The North is colored white and represents Winter, Endings, Elders, and Spirit. Mukwa, Bear, is for the North.

"The Medicine Wheel represents a complete human, life cycles, seasons and medicines," Sprague said. He reminded listeners that "...it is important that we be great followers of our peoples' ways." Sprague also said that "Differences aren't wrong; they are just another way of looking at the world. It is important to share our ways and important to see the other perspective at times too."

Julie opened the Teaching Circle for teachings from others and gave a teaching that Be-Da-Bin shares. She said, "When you look at the Medicine Wheel, think of someone you know in each direction, each phase of life. These are your support group. You are in the center."

The Medicine Wheel Planting then moved back into the building and finished with a give a way. Julie invited everyone to plant in the Medicine wheel throughout the weekend.

You can view one of the Medicine Wheels at the Administration Building and one at the Tribal Health Clinic. They remind us of a good way of life and the support group around us. They represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and a beautiful culture.



'Chi Miigwetch to:

Angela Shaw, Bishop Davis, Day Dreanna Davis, Teresa Davis, Spring Howe, Lance Howe, Jacki Howe, Hayden Howe, Violet Holden, Ray Hugo, Carol Gibner, Brandon Gibner, Venus Wilson, Kathy Sam, Darlene Martin, Peaches Torres, O'cyrus Torres, Debra Davis, Trey Gregorski, Maygeen Brauker, Kenneth Davis, George Roman, Kathy Gibson, Brian Gibson, Krystal Davis, Steve Jobes, Sally Jobes, Laurie Jackson, Calvin Austin Jr., Helen Rundquist, Bridgette Ramsey, Orlando Torres, O'rian Torres, Isaiah Davis, Misty Davis, Hugo, Xaina Torres, and anyone else that I may have forgotten.

Happy birthday

Brian King
Carol Mathews
Brad Curtis



Happy Birthday Grandma Lillian Theodore
Born 1924.

- Love, Ted, Penny, T.J., Jim, Mitch, Judy, Danny,
Kyle, Timmy, Brian, Trudy, and Lee Ann.

Happy Birthday
Spring & Violet!

Have a fun and

wonderful Birthday!

Love Mom, Ray & Blue too!

And don't forget Flappie!



Happy 13th
Birthday Hannah!



-Love Mommy Eagle, Mat, Grama, Grampa,
Candice, Petey, and Fern

YOU ARE THE BEST!

Happy 16th Birthday
Candice Eagle!

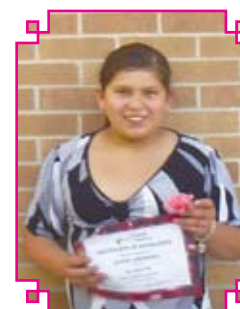


-Love, Dad, Gramma, Grampa, Aunt Angie,
Hannah, Mathew, and Petey!

WE LOVE YOU!



Congratulaions to my daughter...for perfect attendance and the Right Choice Award at 7th Grade, Angleton Intermediate School The Award is all about making good choices, and just about being a good student, and about being a good person and trying to do the right thing all the time. Joselyn is very special! I love you, Hugs Mom, Calvin, Jalissa, Jacob, Jasmine, Jacquelyn, & Jessie James



To my babigurl,
Joklissa....thanks for
doing your best...
A & B honor for the
4th grade year at
Kennedy. I am So
PROUD. Keep it up!
Much Luv Mom, Calvin
and the other five "J's"

Where are you Mom?
Mother's Day has come and went.
Reaching for cards that were never sent.
Where are you Mom?
The second year you were gone, in my second grade class, we made potted plants,
I could feel the excitement on this very "special Day."
As I walked home from school I threw mine away,
With tears streaming down my face not
understanding what took you away...
Where are you Mom?
Tears of sadness reached my very soul
Knowing I can't tell you all that I've been through... I have questions
Only a daughter can ask.
Where are you Mom?
I am a woman know Mom, I am also a grandmother
Now mom, oh and did I say I am also an "Elder" ...
Where are you Mom?
I've accomplished good things in the
past few years Mom and even though you can't hear me "I still love you Mom!"
Where are you Mom?
Oh, and Mom, I've married the finest man
a woman could ever wish for! My tears
fall as I write this Mom because you'll
never see, never feel all my sadness at
losing you at the tender age of six...
Where are you Mom?
Mom, one night as I slept, a beaming light came shining down, I followed the light and
was shown into a room where a Bible of gold was placed upon this pedestal...
I was to open this Bible of gold, so I did and this is what I was shown...
There in a meadow atop of a horse you rode, in your dress made of buckskin...
Whith Dad right behind you, you both rode like the wind...
I watched as you looked back at him with laughter in your eyes...
I no longer asked "Where are you Mom?"
I dedicate this poem in "Loving Memory" to my mom, Laura Cecilia Peters/ Theodore
And to those who also lost thier Moms too soon.
By Bonita R. Billings



Ashley Klein in
"Dreams of Anne Frank"
MAPS senior Ashley Klein
(granddaughter of Alyce Giltz)
appeared in the Manistee High
School presentation of "Dreams
of Anne Frank" in May. Ashley transferred
in from New Mexico and has been active in
dramatics, singing, acting and dancing. Most
recently, she played Rizzo in *Grease* and
Dorinda in *The Beaux Strategem*.

by Victoria Parker

Ever since the formation of the Elder's Wii Bowling group in March of this year, the league has looked forward to meeting Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Council in a match of proficiency and prowess. The moment finally arrived on Friday, May 21, as the two groups gathered at the Community Center for the ultimate test of Wii Bowling skill.

Ten Elders met head-on with the Ogema and five Tribal Council members. The games were played on two television sets, suspended from the ceiling, and two Wii consoles. For anyone unfamiliar with the Wii Game System, an icon, a pictorial representation of the player, is shown on a television screen and is operated via a wireless controller. Each player takes a turn with the controller and actually moves it in manner quite similar to regular bowling. The Wii icon bowls on the virtual televised lane and score is electronically marked. A Wii Bowling Elder then keeps the running score manually.

According to Holly Davis, RN, of LRBOI Community Health Care Services, the Elder's Wii Bowling group was formed to promote health and diabetes awareness. Funded through a Federal Diabetic Grant Initiative, Elder's Wii Bowling works to provide exercise, activity and camaraderie for LRBOI elders. The group is open to every tribal elder and meets Tuesdays at 1:00 pm at the Community Center.

"No previous Wii Game knowledge is necessary," Davis said. "We will teach you." The Elder's Wii Bowling group accommodates each bowler's comfort level, whether they sit or stand while participating. "We even have a blind bowler," Davis said.

At the Wii Bowling Challenge, the elders presented Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Council members with the league's own festively decorated t-shirts. "They designed the shirts," Davis smiled. "They thought turtles aptly represented their group." The league also provided a carry-in luncheon, complete with healthy fresh fruit, delectable apple pie, hand-made fry bread and homemade upside-down cake.

After lunch, participants played nine games with 2 elders pitted against 2 Tribal Council members or one Council member and the Ogema. Cheers and happy shouts resounded in the room as bowlers supported one another and kept the competition lively. Faces at the Challenge were smiling and the fun was contagious. The atmosphere was friendly, active and accepting. Each person felt warmed and welcomed.

When all was said and done, the Elder's Wii Bowling group ended with a total score of 1925 to the Ogema and Council's final tally of 1802. By 123 points, the Elders showed their Wii Bowling aptitude! Congratulations! Rumor has it, though, that the Ogema and Tribal Council are preparing for a re-match... Stay tuned!



Wii Bowling Challenge Participants

Elders

Leona Deater, scorekeeper
Mary Dotson
Rita Gale
Katie Glocheski, cheerleader
James Green
Suzanne Moby
Joan Peters
June Sam
Kathy Sam
Rose Starchief
Ann Marie Taylor
Ron Wittenburg
Ogema
Larry Romanelli
Tribal Council
Loretta Baccaria
Sandy Mezeske
Steve Parsons
Pat Ruiter

Job Search Help!



The tribal Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. Workforce Development Specialist David Hawley commented that, "We are pleased to provide this new tool for tribal members as it makes searching for employment much easier."

The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRCR, as well as other job resource information.

Contact Workforce Development for the tribe at our Commerce Department. Physical Location: 294 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. Or you may reach them by phone at Phone: 231-723-8288 or 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842. Fax: 231-398-2038 and by E-mail: dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov

Come meet the Health Commission on July 15th, 2010 at the Muskegon office.
If you have any complaints, comments or just to share your thoughts or would like to just say Hi.
Stop in we will be there from 10 am to 2 pm.



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★ Warriors and the Blue Star Memorial ★

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warrior's Society was well represented on May 15th at the Blue Star Memorial dedication on the banks of the Manistee River in Downtown Manistee.

The Spirit of the Woods Garden Club dedicated the memorial as part of a national program designed to honor all military veterans of the United States be they Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp or Coast Guard.

The idea for the Blue Star Memorials started in 1944 in New Jersey, "...when garden club members visualized a living memorial to commemorate those in the armed forces. The thought of healing gardens and memorial plaques gave way to a new national garden program," said Sandy Bodenbender, Director of District V for the Michigan Garden Clubs.

In a spirit of cooperation and recognition of their many contributions, the LR-BOI Warriors Society was invited to participate. Representing the Warriors were John Shepard, David Lilleberg, Ferdinand Luchene Jr., Charles Nelson, Virgil Johnson, Richard Bailey and John Pete.

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